

Receives Sentence

BY AL BODI

A plump, motherly-looking woman with a sprinkling of grey through her black hair, stood before the judge.

A murmur passed through the small, quiet crowd of ex-employees and ex-clients as they heard her attorney say that she wished to withdraw her former plea of not guilty.

Then Clerk of Court Mura Stillson began to read:

"To the first count of the information, what do you wish to plead?"

In a barely-audible voice, the answer came:

"Guilty."

"To the second count... To the third count... To the fourth count..." and so on, until eight separate charges had been read.

In each case, the near-whispered answer, "Guilty."

A few minutes later, the ex-employees and ex-clients exhaled the breaths they had been holding, as they heard Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton pronounce:

"You, Ida M. Rhodes, are sentenced to the state prison for women at Tehachapi for the term prescribed by law."

Thus ended the brief opportunity of the 40-year-old Burlingame woman who in October, 1945, set herself up in business in San Carlos under the title of Rhodes Realty and decided to cash in on the boom which was sending real estate prices skyrocketing the length of the Peninsula.

When Mrs. Rhodes pleaded guilty to eight counts of grand theft, she admitted the misappropriation of \$11,092 in down payments placed with her by clients for purchase of property in the San Carlos area.

According to Dep. Dist. Atty. John K. Weeks, she had admitted to him misappropriating an additional \$6,000 from people who had signed complaints against her.

And during questioning by the district attorney's office, she has made no explanation of the extraordinary expenditures Weeks declared. She and her husband had admitted buying one lot, at \$1500, for speculation purposes with the money paid them.

"My theory is that she has been doing this for a long time," Weeks said. "She has evidently been using new deposits to cover older irregularities."

One of the persons trimmed by Mrs. Rhodes was John Finlayson, a veteran who lives in San Francisco.

Finlayson gave her \$250 on July 17, 1946, and \$2250 on Aug. 30.

From Mr. and Mrs. Paul Santucci of San Francisco, Mrs. Rhodes received \$1000 on Sept. 18, and \$3292 on Sept. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. James Freese of San Carlos gave her money four times: \$350 on Aug. 25; \$500 and \$300 on Sept. 20; and \$3150 on Oct. 1.

It was the last sum paid by the Freeses that got Mrs. Rhodes' husband, Harold, in trouble. He was listed as a real estate salesman in the firm, and he and his wife had jointly accepted the \$3150.

Rhodes denied the charge, pleaded not guilty, and was brought to trial. The entire trial lasted less than four hours, and the jury required only nine minutes to return a verdict of guilty.

Rhodes last week was sentenced to one year in the county jail.

His wife, charged with eight counts and credited as the "brains" of the firm, was not so lucky. She was sentenced to Tehachapi on each of the eight counts, but Judge Cotton ruled that the terms are to run concurrently.

The term for grand theft is from 1 to 10 years. The California Adult Authority will set her release date, considering her record and weighing her behavior during her first year of imprisonment.

Mrs. Rhodes gambled in the real estate game and lost. The little triumph she won was brought to her by people who gathered outside the courtroom after the sentence was pronounced, and they looked at her with a mixture of pity and contempt.

Flood was manager here for more than two years, coming to Redwood City from Sacramento and becoming active in local affairs. Flood, a veteran employee of the company, has been with Montgomery Ward for 10 years.

Escapée Nabbed

A 15-year-old Colma boy, held at the juvenile home for the California Youth Authority, last Saturday escaped for the third time within two months.

He took with him another 16-year-old South San Francisco boy, but both were captured an hour and a half later while walking along the railroad tracks in San Carlos.

The boys, both held for car theft and petty theft, tried once a heavy screen with a bed slat and jumped from the second story window to the ground.

Chief Probation Officer John S. Cowgill said they narrowly escaped impaling themselves on wooden stakes under the window when they jumped.

50th Anniversary

An informal open house reception was held Monday afternoon for Carl and Henriette Andersen of 1335 Roosevelt Ave. honoring them on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Curley in San Francisco and over 150 friends of the family from the Bay Area were invited to call to honor the couple.

On Thursday, the actual day of the anniversary, a banquet was held by the immediate family and children and grandchildren. Two sons and a daughter came from Los Angeles for the celebration.

Decorations for the reception to-day were appropriate to the occasion. Flower arrangements, low roses and marguerites decorated the table and fireplace mantel. Mrs. Andersen received the guests in a pale blue lace gown accented by a corsage of yellow roses. Pieces of wedding cake were wrapped in gold paper and given to the guests to "dream on."

Many pieces will be sent to Denmark for the relatives who were unable to attend. The story of the celebration, together with guests' names, were recorded in a golden book for the couple to cherish.

Mr. and Mrs. Andersen were born in Denmark and were married in Copenhagen on May 8, 1897. Five children were born to them in Denmark and one in this country. They came to the United States in 1909 and settled in Utah. They made their home in San Francisco beginning in 1921 before retiring to Redwood City because of Mrs. Andersen's ill health. Until recently they have been active in Danish lodges and have given faithful service in church work. Their years together have been happy, they both will testify.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Andersen are Kai and William Andersen, Lillian Andersen and James Michael Curley, all of San Francisco; Douglas and Audrey Vient, of Los Angeles; Wesley Louis Andersen of Utah. The great-grandchildren are Stephen Muller of San Francisco.

No Price Change

The state department of agriculture, today, after a hearing at the courthouse, ruled that it will keep the producer-distributor milk price schedule.

D. W. Mosher, assistant chief of the bureau of milk control, said that the bureau's plan would not affect the present retail price structure. The hearing was one in a series held throughout the state.

At the hearing, the distributors of milk and cream have to pay the contract price for all milk purchased. The manufacturer of ice cream and condensed milk, on the other hand, can buy milk at a lower price.

The state's plan is for the distributor to pay contract price for the milk contracted for, but to buy for resale at a profit. The surplus for butter and condensed milk at the price paid by consumers.

Norman J. Corlett of the Borden Milk Co. and R. A. Beatty of Golden State Co. testified at the hearing. No producer was represented.

Open House

Delegates to the encampment to be held at Santa Cruz on June 8, 9, 10 and 11 were elected at the last meeting of the Cpl. James Lindsay Wilson Post 2310 of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary held Thursday evening.

Delegates elected are Mmes. Lillian Sanders, Katherine Dean, Alice Foulks and Kay Taylor.

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Named Vice Chairman

Mayor James Furlong Jr. of Belmont was named vice chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee last Friday, succeeding the late Judge John G. Smith of Belmont.

Judge Smith's son, H. G. Smith, was unanimously chosen member of the committee to replace his father.

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Plans Aired

The matter of the \$425,000 bond issue to be voted in San Carlos June 10 was aired Wednesday by Pres. William Klose at a meeting of the San Carlos Chamber of Commerce, following a long business session.

Klose produced a dummy sheet which had San Carlos and other large lettering on it and hands pointing in different directions which he said would reach every household after the May 22 civic meeting.

Klose, who was appointed recently by Mayor Patrick J. Kearns to head a committee on the bond issue, said last night "We have decided on a campaign program—not to tell you how to vote."

The people from the wrong side of the tracks" were again in the limelight last night. At a number of city meetings in the past few months delegations from residents east of the Old County Rd. have appeared to register complaints as to building restrictions and lack of recreational facilities. Last night Warren A. Lowe, a resident from that side and active member of the chamber claimed, "The people over there now have a hard time even getting over here."

Lowe said the police department had advised a detour through the Southern Pacific property as the safest means but that this area was so blocked now with cars that no thoroughfare was left. The chamber agreed to approach the city council concerning this problem.

Reports from the map committee and folder committee indicated they were still waiting to meet with council members for final approval. It was pointed out that more support of the merchants' committee is needed to insure the continued success of Friday night openings. Klose pointed out this plan had been copied elsewhere on the Peninsula.

Announcement of the airplane contest sponsored by the chamber to be held on June 8 was made, and the chamber advanced \$75 for awards.

The question of a slogan for San Carlos was to be put to the people, the group decided.

A representative for the Sequoia Hospital District bond issue, to be voted on June 6, asked the support of the chamber members. Klose, a member of the citizens' committee in favor of this issue, said there was no question, he thought that the community needed this hospital.

Henry Walder asked for the chamber to endorse a float for the Lions clubs of the Peninsula to be used at the national Lions convention in July in San Francisco. This float will show San Carlos in its best light.

A bylaws committee was appointed composed of Henry Davis, chairman; Merritt Hosmer and Newell Sharkey, past president of the chamber.

Almack Report

BY BUD SPRUNGER

The Redwood City Master Plan, drafted by Hahn, Campbell & Associates and accepted by the city council, can be divided roughly into four separate studies. These are: 1. zoning; 2. streets and highways; 3. off-street parking; and 4. public works.

As major objectives of the plan, the drafting firm listed:

1. To guide the development of public and private lands in a practical, flexible manner so as to promote land use for the healthful interests of the community as a whole rather than for the financial interests of the few.
2. To set out a street system which will provide better circulation, reduce accidents and expected heavy traffic increases, and aid to make the movement of persons and goods more convenient.
3. To set out a plan for the development of off-street parking facilities and for the most efficient use of curb parking space in order to prevent decentralization and decay.
4. To set forth a long-range program of public works to provide community facilities.

The business zone includes all the uses in the two residential zones and in addition all business uses except manufacturing and industry.

The two industrial zones care for light and heavy industrial.

Hahn, Campbell claim that the zoning ordinance is weak both in legal phraseology and the type and degree of regulations established.

The zoning ordinance, the firm says, does not furnish proper protection to residential areas, allows an intermingling of various types of business uses and is not flexible. Numerous spot zones have been established and a tremendous area is open to multiple family use with no height limitation for apartments.

A new ordinance is urged by the firm. The drafting of such a paper is now under study by the city planning commission.

Suggested by the firm is an ordinance which would provide four residential zones, three commercial zones and an industrial zone.

Flexibility would be gained, the plan claims, by drafting the ordinance so that the city government could vary from it in specific cases. When hardship would result from following the strict provisions of the ordinance, the city could grant a variance. If an owner, for example, wanted to use his land for a purpose not permitted by the ordinance, the city could grant a variance. If the intended use would not be objectionable, the city could grant a use permit if such use is listed as one of the permitted uses.

Residential zones, as suggested by the plan:

- R-1: Single family dwelling units.
- R-2: Single family and duplex dwelling units.
- R-3: Limited multiple dwelling units.
- R-4: Multiple dwellings, such as apartment houses and flats.
- C-1: All the R uses and in addition retail stores, automobile service stations, banks, personal service shops, restaurants, theaters and amusements. The city could use permit which would allow certain wholesale business such as laundries.
- C-2: Same as C-1 except that buildings may be eight stories high and use variances not required for any business which would be permitted with a use permit in C-1.
- C-3: All uses in R zones and in C-1 and C-2 and in addition such businesses as lumber yards, mills, carpenter shops, blacksmith and welding shops, clothing manufacturing plants, bottling works, junk yards, feed and feed yards—subject to a use permit.

The industrial zone would permit any type of business the city council would not object to on grounds of noise or smell, and in addition such residential uses would be prohibited in this area.

A suggested land use plan is shown in the map printed above.

May Festival

Grandstands on the street in front of the Lincoln School were packed Friday afternoon as Lincoln students put on their annual May festival. The entire school took part in the performance.

Patty Rufus and Russell Britschgi were crowned as May Queen and King by Donald East, one of the attendants. The festival opened with the coronation, followed by short talks by Principal C. E. Peterson and Supt. Andrew Spinas.

Eight plays were presented by students, and the festival closed with the traditional Maypole dance. Three numbers were played by the kindergarten rhythm band.

Blaschke were provided by the city, and the street was blocked off during the activities which took place on the school lawn.

General chairman for the festival was Elsie Grant who worked with Mildred Fox and Janet Elmer in making the arrangements.

Backs Fund

Gov. Earl Warren has given his support to the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, now in the midst of collecting funds in the Peninsula and San Francisco areas for the relief of the destitute and dying remnant of European Jewry. The goal for this area is \$2150,000.

The governor declared in his statement that the worthiness of this cause should prompt people of all faiths to lend a helping hand in the humanitarian drive.

Manuel Schwartz, of San Mateo, is Peninsula chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund drive.

Mother's Day

Back to prewar dimensions—

5000 persons gathered Sunday on the athletic field of St. Joseph's Military Academy in Belmont to witness the cadets of the school stage their annual military maneuvers and athletic demonstrations. This year's event, held on Mothers' Day, brought parents and friends from all California, neighboring states and Mexico.

Guest speaker was Edward Molkenbush, municipal judge in San Francisco, who presided over the motherhood. The sisters of the college also received a tribute from the speaker. Master of ceremonies was Capt. Edward F. Dougherty, school commandant and military instructor.

Highlighting the afternoon events was the O'Grady Drill Down which was won by Ronald Holstrup first, Michael Dugan, second, and Albert Jewell, third.

The budding contest took a long while to decide as the judges asked for repeated calls. The final outcome was Michael Delaney first, Lowell Randelman, second, and Julio Escamez, third.

Members of the United States armed forces served as judges. These included: Capt. J. L. Wilford, USN; Capt. Charles Crombie, USN; Col. W. W. Davidson, U. S. Marine Corps; Lieut. Col. Arthur P. Murphy, U. S. Army; Major Andrew Blase, U. S. Army; Major A. Gunner, U. S. Marine Corps; Capt. Rufus B. Thomson Jr., U. S. Marine Corps; and Lieut. Finn, U. S. Marine Corps.

The day opened for the boys of the academy with a military mass, after which parents and friends began to arrive. Other events for the day included a parade of the Swedish Drill with Company "C" receiving the California Jockey Club cup; U. S. Manual, winners, Company "F"; Butts Manual, winners, Company "D"; and first battalion drill, Company "D", and first battalion drill, Company "A."

For the manual of arms, first went to Neal Croft, second to Edward Johnson, and third to James Wallace.

The band medals were received, first to Lowell Randelman, and second to Julio Escamez.

The citizenship medal was won by George De Fount and the commandant medal by Charles Figone.

The American Legion award was received by Michael Leslie who received it from David Horn of Belmont, past legion commander.

Other speakers included Joseph Desmond, president of the Fathers' Club, the Rev. Edward R. Allen, chaplain of the academy, who gave the welcome address, and the Rev. Father John Green, former chaplain at St. Joseph's who is now connected with St. Thomas Aquinas in Palo Alto.

Woodside Meet

"Every child deserves to receive a share of emotional security from his family," said Miss Marjorie Braemer of Sequoia High School when she addressed the members of the Woodside Parent-Teacher Association at the meeting Thursday afternoon at the school.

"One way to do this is to see that family responsibilities are shared by the child, but the assignments must be made by the parents," she said.

Miss Braemer's subject, "The Awareness of Youth's Needs" was part of the theme for the month which is Understanding Makes Good Parents.

The Treble Clef, girls' choral group from Sequoia High School, entertained with several selections.

During the business meeting the bylaws were read by Mrs. W. W. Mein Jr., parliamentarian, and several alterations were made.

A social hour followed the meeting with refreshments served by the hostesses.

Baptists Meet

Thirty-two members of the Baptist Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church here Monday heard John Embach, graduate student at Stanford University, tell of his experiences of being shot down over Germany during the war and of being a prisoner of war for a year and a half.

The brotherhood voted to send representatives to missions in San Francisco to take charge of programs on occasion. Arthur Hollows was appointed chairman of the project committee to make arrangements.

Other committee chairman appointed by Chet Wilson, newly elected president of the men's group, were Joseph Spinnella, devotions; James Whipple, social, and Everett Carlson, program.

The group voted to continue to sponsor a cub pack troop. The men also sponsor a Boy Scout troop.

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Books

BY HAZEL RICHARDSON

With the announcement last week of the Pulitzer Prize awards in literature interest has been revived in a novel reviewed here last Fall. All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren will be considered by many who have read it as wise choice for the award in fiction. The author, who is a professor at the University of Minnesota, has gained wide recognition as a fine poet. All the King's Men is set in the Deep South; it is a study in American dictatorship. The character of Willie Stark, who presents eloquently the thesis that ideals may be corrupted and good turned into bad by ambition and the lust for power. The story is told by a young man, Jack Burden (the governor's press agent), and in the telling he unwinds the story of his own life and life in Paris between the two wars. It is here, whom one reviewer has called "a male Amber," is a worthless young man of many love affairs who dreams of doing noble deeds. He is supposedly redeemed by his actions in World War II.

Holy Disorders by the young English writer, Edmund Crispin, has been noted as one of the best of last year's mysteries. Geoffrey Vintner, a church organist and a retired bachelor, receives an invitation to play at Tolnbridge Cathedral. The invitation mentions that his predecessors "have been shot up" and ends by asking the organist to bring along a butterfly net.

Breakdown by Louis Paul will be compared to The Lost Weekend, as it is also a study in alcoholism, in this case the victim being a woman. It is not so good as the earlier novel, but it is a sound and readable presentation of a problem which needs our attention.

The man who knows everything, by the author of the earlier novel, is a book called Information. It is a history of the year just passed told by experts in every field: science, history, drama, sports. It is a usable basic reference book with tables of information assembled here for the first time.

The failure of education is the subject of Howard Mumford Jones' Education and World Tragedy. In the light of the present discussion on the future of education, Mr. Jones calls for a major reorganization of our educational pattern, particularly in our universities.

One of the most colorful spots of the West, called the lowest, hottest, driest place in America, is treated with gusto in Death Valley and its Country by George Palmer Putnam. He tells of its weather, flowers, wildlife, its geological past and recounts at the same time fabulous tales of its pioneers, prospectors, Indians and rangers. This is a welcome addition to Californians.

Honors Mothers

Mothers and guests were entertained at dinner at the Villa Charter Sunday in honor of Mother's Day by members of the Beta Psi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Varied-colored nut cups and baskets of spring flowers decorated the tables and each guest was presented with a nosegay of spring flowers.

The guests were welcomed by Edith Millet, Priscilla McCoombs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Kimball, who was her guest, sang "Sylvie" by Sinding. "O Shepherd of the Stars" by Betty Robertson. This last composition was written by Miss Robertson for Beta Sigma Phi.

Those present were Miss McCoombs and her guest, Mrs. Kimball; Lorraine Hoag and her mother, Mrs. Witte; Norma Tibbets and her mother, Mrs. Tibbets; Roberta Bell and Mrs. Bruce; Virginia Goularte and Mrs. Lowder; Gertrude Osborne and her sister, Elizabeth Williams; Margaret Brumbaugh and Mrs. Brumbaugh; Alice Duff and her mother, Mrs. Seebohm; Helen Lynch and her mother, Mrs. Bergman; Edith Millet and her mother, Mrs. Ocasar; Betty Brichia and her mother, Mrs. McLaghen; Lorraine Sordoc and her mother, Mrs. Brannan; Jean Faris and Mrs. Faris; Helen Kroeger and Mrs. Booye; Irene Parnell Steel and her daughter, Shirley Steel Dassin.

SF Man Cited

Jeff Montgomery, 2433 Filbert St., San Francisco, was cited in San Carlos Sunday for burning without a permit after a fire he had started got out of hand and burned 100 feet of hedge and trees.

According to Fire Chief Lyle Clark, Montgomery was cleaning up a lot at Elm St. and Francis Way at 1:45 p. m. when the fire spread into nearby trees and hedges.

An hour earlier, the San Carlos Fire Dept. put out a rubbish fire at Elm St. and Brittan Ave. No damage was caused by either blaze, Clark said.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

It takes time for dreams to assume actual shape, doesn't it? Sometimes, of course, they never do. Those greenhouse, so cheap that all could afford them in the postwar era... Not in sight yet, or do you want to argue about this being postwar?

When airplanes first got blisters, we thought those would be easy to blow up for light and easy to handle cold-frame covers. But whether it's a shortage of plastic materials or molds for plastics, the peace-time blisters are still in the dream stage.

However, the little aerators for bubbling the water in nutrient solutions for hydroponics have come along the nearest. They're priced now beyond the reach of many, as though the makers never hope to sell very many... and probably the demand for them in tame fish aquariums is limited.

It was surprising that the Spring Garden Show "Fantasia" didn't develop any soilless culture exhibits. They would have provided some fantastic displays. Indeed, the closest to this was in the commercial tent where Mr. Flanders, selling a nutrient salts showed some 3-year-old pictures of tomatoes growing in tanks. And Mr. Gillum, in the next stall, interested in the same project, was using it with a potting mixture for starting seeds.

If the scattered hobbyists growing plants without soil got together and staged a show, it would make good box office. It would, if the hobbyists were growing wide enough variety of plants—successfully.

The hydroponics display on Treasure Island attracted much attention in competition of the toughest kind—the Gay Way, the Robot Man—and a brilliant flower display in the old-fashioned manner.

The plutocrat who dreams of beating his greenthumb rivals to the punch, may one fine night install electric cables under his outdoor gardens. He'll amaze them with the speedy growth in cool weather, until he discovers his secret and follow suit.

As a matter of fact, this wealthy magician could attribute his results to some new fertilizer, and add to his fortune... because so often, wealth is what the plants need more than plant food.

The dream house for the fuchsia enthusiast will have electrically heated, automatic fog-spray equipment, so that humidity will always be ideal around the dancing blooms.

Maybe we should dream more. Perhaps more practice would lead to earlier realization.

Which you're watering tomatoes, encourage the roots to grow deeper; don't bother about moisture at the surface... that only lures the roots toward the top. Soak the soil down deep. To a depth of four or six feet is ideal, if you can do it.

Some greenthumbers have taken those large cans (2 qt. size) which tomato juice comes in, and after punching holes in the bottom, have planted the cans, one near each tomato plant. These cans are then filled with water and a dilute nutrient solution.

The holes allow the water to seep down gradually, and by keeping the cans full the time, you can insure deeper roots.

If you're planning on setting down such cans, do so immediately, before the tomato plants grow too large, and the roots spread too far. Then vines respond to commercial fertilizer. If you have good soil to start with, don't fertilize until the first blossoms show at a safe distance from the roots of each hill.

Commercial fertilizer dissolves and changes chemically to become available to the plant roots, within two weeks. If

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No 40-Hour Week

San Mateo County deputy sheriffs will not go on a 40-hour week recently recommended for other county employees, according to the civil service commission.

The commission has decided to string along with a request made by Sheriff James J. McGrath that no change be made in the working hours of the deputies.

McGrath, in a letter to the commission, wrote that he felt a 40-hour week for his department "would place too great a burden on the taxpayers." He said that if the hours were shortened he would need at least 11 new deputies whose salaries for the first year would be \$3,112 or higher.

"My men are satisfied with conditions as they are," McGrath stated.

The civil service commission probably would have recommended a pay cut had the hours been shortened, civil service staff members said.

Rancher Shot

James Molinari, 56-year-old Pedro Valley ranch worker, was found Monday morning shot to death in the Rees Tavern, Pedro Point. His death was believed to be suicide, according to the sheriff's office.

Molinari's body was found at 9:30 a.m. in the back room of the tavern by Jack Rossi, another ranch worker. Molinari had been shot in the head, and a .38 caliber revolver was lying by his side.

Friends reported that Molinari had been in ill health for several months, walked about with the use of a cane, and complained frequently about his ill health. He was thrown to the ground only three days ago while working a horse on the Rees dude ranch.

Molinari was seen by friends about an hour before his body was found.

Drink
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"The paper cups are cheap and one can use the type that are in candy boxes or the ones bakers use on cup cakes. They are so cheap that the cost is practically nothing for the convenience they give."

I'd suggest the small drinking cups, which are deeper, and give the roots more of a chance than the shallow cups for party cakes.

Mrs. Mabel Dorr of Palo Alto writes: "Help! My lovely fuchsias are being devoured by little worms."

Or what can I do to get rid of such pests? Please! We have a very small yard, but in it I grow many vegetables, for just my 4-year-old mother and me, and loads of flowers and shrubs.

Any chewing pest, be it worm, caterpillar, beetle, snail is killed by eating poison. In the case of some, poison bait is put around the ground. But in the case of "worms" and such which feast on the foliage, it's good practice to spray with a solution of calcium arsenate, or lead arsenate, or DDT, or cryolite dust.

There are numerous poisonous sprays available. Rotenone will also control chewing insects and pests.

Mrs. George Williams of Sacramento asks about planting bearded iris from seeds. It's easy to grow them. The seeds are planted in flats, or in well cultivated seed beds in the open garden.

The trick is in getting anything worthwhile. Iris breeders with whom I've discussed the odds say they are at least 100 to one, when an experienced breeder is making the cross.

Julius R. Bubb in Marysville writes: "Want to say Cuthbertson Sweet Peas, planted in early November by your directions are all you claim for them sturdy vines, long stems and good colors."

I wonder who will report the first ripe Pearl Harbor tomatoes?

Forum Letter

To the Editor:

The county says it is paying between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per year to keep their chronic patients in private nursing homes, while Mills Hospital only pays \$1200 per year rent for "The Annex."

Mr. Public fails to realize that when the county puts its patients in "The Annex" it will have to equip, staff and operate this. At present the Community Hospital is understaffed.

Where will they find the nurses to staff "The Annex," or do they expect the patients to take care of themselves? It is my guess that by the end of 12 months most of the \$50,000 will have been spent.

To allow Mills to continue the use of "The Annex" would not deprive a single county case necessary "hospital" care but to take "The Annex" away from Mills will prevent 22 private patients from receiving hospital care. Mr. Citizen of San Mateo County, this might mean you.

We forget that before Mills started to use "The Annex" it had been condemned by the county. Mills spent approximately \$8000 to clean it up, in what now seems to have been a thankless gesture on the part of Mills, to give a few more hospital beds to the public.

ELIZABETH GENTRY, San Carlos.

Laborer Sentenced

Charles Brown, 60-year-old San Carlos laborer, was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail Monday morning by Judge Rupert Johnson of San Carlos. He was charged with drunken and disorderly conduct.

Police said that Brown was picked up late last night on El Camino Real near the Carlos Club for "using profanity in the presence of ladies." He had been arrested twice previously on drunk charges.

Almack Report

BY BUD SPRINGER

Dr. John C. Almack considers in Section 8, Part II, of his survey Sequoia High School instructional needs as judged by teachers, and views of teachers on means of improving the school.

The expressed needs for supplies and equipment are few. Of the 81 teachers replying to the questionnaire, the needs listed were for:

1. Films, slides, pictures, etc., 38
2. More supplementary books, 37
3. More textbooks, 32
4. Recordings, 20
5. Phonograph, 16
6. Radio, 13
7. Maps, 10
8. Course of study, 4

Of those answering, 12 said they needed nothing.

From his own study, the professor found a need for better lighting in many rooms and recommended that vines and shrubs be removed from the building. The shrubs, "hallowed by sentiment," he says, cover a good architecture and diminish the natural light in classrooms.

From his own study of teacher analysis of students, Dr. Almack surmises that they have a keen understanding of student interests, needs, aptitudes and limitations and are well qualified to handle most counseling that they do.

Teachers told Almack that they noticed many poor readers in their classes and the professor recommended two remedies—better teaching in grades one to six and special classes for the high school for those who can not read properly.

In answer to the question, "Are there many students who learn slowly?" the teacher listed the number as next in order to the number of poor readers. There are indications, Almack claims, that intelligence alone will not guarantee learning. Interest, application, good conduct, good personal relations, regular attendance, promptness and command of the tools of learning are very important, he continues.

A lack of interest teachers said some students had for high school, Almack blamed in part on counselors. He gave these reasons for lack of interest: poor health, poor teaching, poor preparation, subject not in accord with aptitudes, a lack of information concerning relation of subject to life aims. While something may be done, he said, by the teacher in motivating the student, reducing the difficulty to his level of attainment, showing the use of subject and individualizing methods, part of this responsibility is up to counselors.

Inattentive and nervous pupils are often the result of poor health standards, fatigue, lack of comprehension and poor ventilation, Almack claims. Many times through the survey he returns to the fact that Sequoia teachers keep their classrooms too hot and too poorly ventilated. This apparently acts as a narcotic on pupils.

At the top of the list of things teachers advocated was "Time for individual instruction." Almack said this was hard to attain in large classrooms with many pupils per teacher but recommended a reduction in the time given to recitation and an increase in the amount of time given to independent work.

The second teacher suggestion was that needs of special cases be met. For this the professor says the teacher needs the help of counselors and a research department. Tests should be given pupils and special teaching programs devised for special cases.

Teachers made their third recommendation for special classes for problem cases. These, says Almack, might include nutrition classes, sight saving classes, non-reader, heart cases, posture cases, speech defects and others.

Fourth need was designated as definite "objectives for departments." Almack recommends that departments choose a few well directed aims, having objectives as definite as "single as a rifle shot, and dispensing with the "shot gun" system.

Fifth need listed was for clerical help.

Sixth was an opportunity to observe good teaching.

Seventh was for demonstration teaching.

Eighth was supervision.

And last was for more visual instructional materials.

About half of the teachers questioned, had no suggestions to offer for improvements. Reason for this, Almack claimed, can only be conjectured—"fear that such action might be criticism of the administration, lack of ideas, slight interest outside own fields, inexperience in planning."

Teachers were next asked to rate, on a 3, 2, 1 basis, the importance of 12 items.

Social living teachers ranked the items in this order:

1. Individual instruction.
2. Counseling by teachers.
3. Counseling by specialists.
4. Courses in social living.
5. Double periods in English Social Living.
6. Four years of English for graduation.
7. Teacher participation in administration.
8. Work experience program.
9. Ability grouping of students.
10. Eighteen required units for graduation.
11. Staggered lunch periods.
12. Staggered lunch periods.

Other teachers varied with the Social living teachers in the ranking they gave double periods in English Social Living, and courses in social living.

The ranking by the other teachers:

1. Individual instruction.
2. Counseling by specialists.
3. Counseling by teachers.
4. Teacher participation in administration.
5. Four years of English for graduation.
6. Work experience program.
7. Ability grouping.
8. Staggered lunch period.
9. Courses in social living.
10. Seven period day.
11. Double periods in English Social Living.
12. Eighteen required units for graduation.

Dr. Almack agrees with non-social living teachers that double periods for social living is a mistake and is not advised. He also agrees with them when they rank courses in social living far down the list.

Return Home

Mrs. Fred B. Walker and her children, Penelope and Ronald, returned May 2 from a seven-month visit in Australia. The visit was to Mrs. Walker's home in Melbourne where they stayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Barker.

Miss Alma Barker, Mrs. Walker's younger sister, returned with them and will stay about six months at the Walker home, 630 Whipple Ave. Barker served four years with the medical division of the Women's Australian Army Corps. Besides Mrs. Walker's parents, there are six brothers and sisters residing in Australia. Mrs. Walker and Miss Barker here and another sister in San Francisco.

Mrs. Walker and her family returned on the Marine Phoenix. When the group arrived at the Walker home they found that friends had decorated the house, inside and outside, with streamers and flowers.

The Hugh Simpsons and son, Hugh Jr. of Belfast, Ireland, and the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Simpson of 132 Lowell St. They flew to America for their first visit to this country.

On the way across the country the visiting Simpsons stopped for a two-day visit with the Alex Simpsons' son in Chicago and for a few days in Malcolm, Ia., with a sister-in-law.

Since they arrived here about two weeks ago they have been entertained almost every minute. Sunday they saw Carmel and today they enjoyed a ride to Santa Cruz and area.

The Alex Simpsons entertained 12 guests at dinner Thursday evening with a turkey dinner and a special class of the high school. David Simpson of Burlingame, another nephew, entertained at a dinner party for the Hugh Simpsons and are planning a garden party at their home next Friday. Many friends and a host of relatives have entertained during the visit.

Ask State Aid

Passage of legislation providing state financial assistance to local public health departments has been urged by the San Mateo County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Eugene Salvage, president, said Tuesday.

The proposed legislation is embodied in Assembly Bill No. 2223 currently before the assembly's public health committee. It calls for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be allocated to city, county or combination of counties in districts of at least 50,000 population. The basis allotment for each health unit is \$1,000 or 16 cents per capita, whichever is the lesser, plus a per capita allotment in the proportion that the local health district bears to the entire state population.

"Adequate health services are fundamental to sound public health," Mr. Salvage explained. "Tuberculosis associations and other voluntary health agencies know they can make little headway in fighting specific diseases unless official services are sufficient to guarantee proper sanitation, protection against epidemics, programs for maternal and child health, immunization against communicable diseases and control of tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, infantile paralysis and venereal diseases."

"Authorities agree that a minimum of \$150 per capita should be budgeted for public health services. In California nearly 1,000,000 persons receive little or no public health services and only 10 of the 42 health departments have appropriations as high as \$100 per capita."

Hear Housing Talk

More than 60 Bay Area contractors, bankers and real estate brokers last Friday heard a presentation of promotional plans for sale of Lindsay Homes, a precision-cut house, in 1947 at a dinner in the Sunset Club.

They were the guests of Nutter & Nopper, San Francisco and San Mateo County agents for the structures.

The company's plans were outlined by Henry Jorgensen, superintendent of the Lindsay plant in Decoto, who said the company is ready to operate on a competitive basis and "feels no need to apologize for anything that goes into its product."

The houses are, he said, "fully approved" by the Federal Housing Administration.

Clarence Peterson, head of New House Distributors Co., agents for Lindsay Homes in all but five counties of California, told the group the \$9000 home is a thing of the past, but added that prices would come down when the company from their present level as costs of materials drop when existing shortages are overcome.

Master of ceremonies was E. W. manufacturers.

Plan Memorial

A memorial library at the San Mateo County Juvenile Home dedicated to the memory of the late Edward H. Cosgriff was being planned Friday by his friends.

As chairman of the San Mateo County Probation Committee, Mr. Cosgriff devoted much time to the welfare of the juvenile home.

As a testimonial to Mr. Cosgriff, a subscription list is now open. Checks should be mailed to Capt. Lorne G. McAlooney, executive secretary of the San Mateo County Community Chest, 301 Lorton Ave., Burlingame.

John S. Cowling, county probation officer, Mr. Luther M. Carr, U. S. Simonds Jr., mayor of Burlingame, and George McQueen, publisher of the Burlingame Advance, will be the committee to select the books for the Cosgriff Memorial Library.

200 Attend

Approximately 200 members and guests attended the Redwood City Eagles' observance of Mother's Day last night in the IOOF Hall.

Police Judge W. H. (Bud) Thorpe spoke of the origin of Mother's Day and how it was fostered by the Eagles throughout the United States.

Piano selections were rendered by Desoree Peters, followed by a dance.

Program and arrangements were handled by Chmn. Hilton Gibson. Decorations were provided by Clifford Freigang and the Redwood City Nursery.

Scout Gathering

Heavy registration of scout troops and their leaders for the annual Council Camp-O-Ree slated for this weekend at Flood Park, Atherton, indicates the event will be even more successful than in former years, Don L. Barley, assistant scout executive declared Wednesday.

The enrollment to date of 451 scouts and leaders, with additional applications still rolling in. During the two-day camp, troops from each of the three county scout districts will compete for top honors in tests of their proficiency in the art of proper camping.

Highlight of the program will be the Saturday night campfire, when a court of honor will be conducted for the county's new Eagle Scouts who passed the board of review held this week at Burlingame scout headquarters.

The new Eagles include Jim Thayer, Troop 12, San Mateo; Seymour Abrahams, Troop 149, Redwood City; William Regnolds, Troop 165, Redwood City; Robert Whitwell, Troop 17, San Bruno; Explorer Troop 13, San Bruno; Rollin Troustol, Troop 143, Redwood City.

Remainder of the Camp-O-Ree schedule will be devoted to inter-troop competition in subjects similar to those stressed at district camp-orees in April. These include contests in use of knot, water boiling, map reading, field signal, use of compass, first aid methods, fire by friction of flint and steel, tent pitching, measuring and knowledge of nature lore.

On the way across the country in force at the camp-orees will hold at the camp-oree. Scouts will be judged from the time they enter the camp grounds to the time they leave for their conduct, sanitary maintenance of their campsites and overall efficiency. Camp will be supervised by council scouters and executed by council scouters and executives.

Camp sessions at Pescadero are scheduled for Monday, June 23 to Monday, July 7. To Monday, July 14, and Monday, July 14, to Monday, July 21, amount to \$27.50 for two weeks, plus an optional charge for bus transportation, and \$14 for one week, plus the transportation charge if desired.

Eugene Salvage, president, said the camp will cost \$35, plus the bus fee.

Camp Kit Carson, at Twin Lakes, will be open from Saturday, July 26 to Sunday, August 9. Enrollment limited to 50 scouts of at least first class rank who hold the swimming and cooking merit badges. Cost of the mountain camp unit is \$100, plus transportation. Deadline for camp applications and a \$5 deposit is July 1, with the balance of \$40 payable by July 15.

Surprise Shower

The staff members of the Redwood City library gave a surprise stork shower for Mrs. Jean Launiaux last Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Eve Coffinberry, 147 Birch St., with Miss Lorraine Pratt as co-hostess.

Small pink and blue crepe paper diapers trimmed with rosebuds were the place cards for the dessert party which preceded the opening of the gifts. Each guest received a corsage of mixed pink and blue flowers.

The gift table was lighted by small candles in the shape of baby bottles. A tall red and white stork was the centerpiece.

Guests were Miss Wilhelmina Harger, Miss Margaret Goodloe, Miss Almee Peters and Miss Almee Lane. Hazel Richardson, Muriel Merman, Cathbert Currie, Janet Wood Lauer, Dorothy Firebaugh.

Plans Progressing

The Evening Fellowship of St. Peter's Church is completing plans for a large public barbecue to be held on Saturday afternoon, June 7 at Flood Park.

Mrs. King Granger, general chairman, and Mrs. Robert Tibbets, president of the fellowship, have announced the following committee chairmen: tickets, Mrs. Russell Cooney; refreshments, Miss Madeline Bement and Mr. Alfred (Red) Morton; food, Mr. Tom Ver-nall, Mr. Russell Cooney, Mrs. Ben Berry, Mrs. Harold Allen, Mrs. Jack Jones and Mrs. Carl Magnusson.

During the afternoon, the guests will be entertained with accordion music, singing, western songs, exhibition dancing and numerous contests. Children will be especially interested in the swimming contests which are being planned for all ages.

Tickets for the steak barbecue may be obtained from Mrs. Cooney, Mrs. William A. Harper, or from any member of the church or fellowship club.

Elects Officers

Court Mt. Carmel, Catholic Daughters of America, at their regular business meeting Thursday evening, reelected Mrs. Edward D. Murphy, grand regent for another term of office.

Elected to serve with her were Mrs. Henry De Wree, vice regent; Mrs. Edward Graul, prophetess; Mrs. Margaret Taver, lecturer; Mrs. Peter Locatelli, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Mollison, treasurer; Mrs. Cyrus Dempsey, monitor; Mrs. Rose Michael, sentinel; Mrs. Homer Price, and Mrs. Raymond O'Connor, trustees; Miss Bess Cardozo, organist. Officers will be installed in June.

The local court by Court Junipero Serra, San Mateo, to attend a reception for new members on next Thursday at 8:15 p. m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Two candidates for Mrs. Carmel will be initiated with the group of San Mateo candidates.

Mrs. Murphy, grand regent, will represent the Redwood City Court at Alameda on May 17 and 18 at the annual state conference to which all members of Catholic Daughters have been invited to attend. Court Alameda will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Permit Issued

A permit for the construction of a school at Bay Ridge in Friendly Bldg. was issued by County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell to the Redwood City Elementary School District.

The contractor for the school is to be Russell A. Cullen Inc. of San Francisco.

Officers Installed

Installation of officers highlighted the meeting of the John Gill Parent Teacher Assn. meeting held Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. L. G. Evans, the installing officer, asked the help and cooperation of all members for the new officers. She stressed the need of all working together to accomplish better things for the schools.

Mrs. Garnet Smith was installed as the new president. Taking office with her were Mrs. Robert Meyers, first vice president; Homer Spellenberg, second vice president; Mrs. Leland Marks, secretary; Mrs. Ivan Brandenburg, treasurer; Mrs. O. W. Swan, auditor; Mrs. Frank Bracconi, historian; Mrs. Lawrence Stephens, parliamentarian.

Each officer was presented with a membership pin except the new president who was presented the president's pin and Mrs. Stephens, retiring president, who was given the past president's pin.

The flower committee, Mrs. Charles Byrum, Mrs. Nick Barber and Mrs. Robert Meyers pinned corsages on the officers and the chairman who were introduced. The chairman will be ratified at the first board meeting in September.

Mrs. Gladys Gabert spoke briefly on the safety bill and it was voted to write a letter to the senator about the bill.

Music was presented by a group of John Gill students who were directed by Mr. F. E. McQuilkin. Mr. Spellenberg extended his thanks to the members for the many things that they have done for the school.

During the business session, it was decided to present each traffic patrol boy with a group picture. It was also decided to furnish ice cream for the children's parties at the close of school.

Hostesses serving refreshments were Misses Frank Bracconi, George Fairhead, James McKay and Earl Lawton.

Pair Injured

A Lake Merced County Club golf pro and his wife sustained minor injuries when their car crashed into the rear of a truck near Brisbane early Saturday morning.

Charles E. Finger, 29, of 34 Dartmouth Rd., San Mateo, and his wife, Barbara, 28, were treated at South San Francisco Hospital and released.

The car driven by Finger, who is a cousin of Burlingame Justice of the Peace William Finger, collided with the rear of a truck driven by Felix Vasquez, 40, of Sacramento. The accident occurred at 12:30 a.m. on Boneyard Hill, Bayshore Hwy., near Brisbane.

Girl Scout News

Girls of Scout Troop 58, which meets at the John Gill School recently elected officers at a business meeting. Members elected include Donelda Watt, president; Mary Hicks, secretary; Judith Malone, treasurer; Nancy Graves, song leader; Marilyn Patten and Caroline Rossi, patrol leaders.

Recently they hiked to the Cross, Emerald Lake, where they had lunch and played games. The hike was an all-day excursion.

Two weeks ago they visited the Port of Redwood City and were shown the piers, storehouses, fire control systems and other installations by Mr. J. A. Rice, superintendent of the port.

At the recent folk dance festival the girls were participants.

Yesterday and today they are at Woodhaven, the Girl Scout camp, where they are earning their camp craft and cooking badges.

Tuesday they are the hostesses at a Mother's tea which will be given at the home of Mrs. John Simpson on King St.

All work, including the baking of cookies, will be handled by the girls at this team will be awarded their hostess badges.

As a service to the community the girls are working in teams on scrapbooks for a children's hospital. A prize for the best of the five books will be awarded by the troop leaders, Mrs. Ellis Moody and Mrs. John Simpson.

Other members of the troop are Martha Hughes, Jeannette MacAdams, Kay Moody, Donna Pierce, Martha Russell, Shirley Simpson, Lorraine Soto, and Jean and Joan Steffens.

Officers Elected

Election of officers of the San Carlos 75 Club took place Saturday night at Cherington Hall when the group held a Western party.

Elected to office for a six month period were Ken Harmon, president; Sue Greenleaf, vice president; Helen Barg, secretary treasurer; and Ray Kidder and Dorothy Matheson, directors. The meeting was presided over by Myron Greenleaf.

Installation took place immediately with members in cowboy and Indian attire. In rodeo style the officers were "roped and branded."

Camp songs and barbecued supper completed the evening. The entertainment committee was composed of Kathleen Strandburg, chairman, and Beryl Erickson, Bettie Ellsworth, Betty Lane, John Walker, Al Mueller, Elmer Stockbridge and Howard Ressler.

Coeds Honored

Fifteen Stanford coeds today are new members of Cap and Gown, senior women's honor society, following colorful ceremonies last Saturday when they were "tapped" for membership while dining in women's residence halls.

Fifteen members of Cap and Gown, headed by Marie Wagner of San Francisco, president, went in cap and gown to the various residences, tapped the new members on the shoulders and presented them with gardenias as a token of their election.

The new initiates then joined the ceremonial group to take part in the "tapping" of other new members of the 41-year-old honor society in which membership qualifications are leadership, scholarship and service.

Following the election ceremony, the new members of the society joined with the old members and with alumnae in a desert initiation held at the home of Mrs. Donald B. Tresider, wife of the university president and herself a member of the society.

New members of the society are Nancy Eamack, Seattle; Betty Calander, San Francisco; Betty Anne Davies, Burlingame; Jean Galt, Manteca; Patricia Gammon, Burlingame; Elinor Giese, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Donna Hammond, Great Bend, Kans.; Phyllis Leven, Van Nuys; Ann Lilienthal, San Francisco; Janet Ossman, Salt Lake City; Marianne Shimmel, Phoenix, Ariz.; Nancy Spackman, Portland, Ore.; Martha Schwinley, Berkeley; June Selder, San Marino; Phyllis Sutherland, Los Angeles; Mary Thompson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Beth Van Hoesen, Oakland; Olive Wilbur, San Marino.

Miss Elysia Fay Brown, acting chief counselor for women, was elected an honorary member.

Other officers of the honor society are Margaret Miller, Auburn, vice president; Nada Skidmore, Portland, secretary, and Alice Lovett of Los Altos, treasurer.

\$1480 Fire Loss

There were 25 Redwood City fire alarms during May which resulted in a property loss of \$1480, Capt. J. W. Keller said Saturday as he released the monthly fire report.

So far this fiscal year there have been 319 fires as compared with 236 fires to date last fiscal year.

The fire loss this fiscal year to date is \$25,844.02 as compared with \$7333.50 last fiscal year to date.

The per capita fire loss this year to date is \$17.2 while last year to date it was 42 cents.

What Makes Telephone Jobs Good Jobs?

We believe telephone jobs are good jobs. But we'd like to tell you something about working conditions in the Telephone Company so you may decide for yourself. Good jobs are made up of a number of things . . . for example:

● Is the work steady?
Telephone pay checks come regularly—month in and month out. That's mighty important to wage earners who can plan ahead and have reasonable assurance of steady telephone work all through the year, and year after year.

● Are extra payments made for Sundays worked?
Yes. Time and a half is paid for Sunday work.

● Are extra payments made for holidays worked?
Yes. Double time is paid for specified holidays worked. Full pay (with a few exceptions) is received by those who do not work these holidays. The holidays are New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Admission Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

● Are there paid vacations?
Certainly. After a year's service, employees get one week with pay . . . two weeks after two years on the job . . . three weeks after fifteen years.

● Are there sickness benefits, death benefits and pensions?
Yes, since

Rites Read

Carol Holman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Holman of Wilmett, N. D., and Lyle R. Wyant, son of the V. V. Wyants, were married in a quiet ceremony at the First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon with only the immediate families attending. The Rev. Jesse Lacklin officiated.

The bride's ensemble was an aqua gabardine suit and accessories of rose and black. She carried an old fashioned bouquet.

Her only attendant was Vivian Wyant, sister of the bridegroom. Vivian wore a rose Botany suit and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas. Warren Holman, Carol's brother, served as the best man.

The bride's parents and brother came to this city to attend the wedding. For the ceremony Mrs. Holman wore a navy blue dress with white accessories and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Wyant wore a black and white embroidered dress with black accessories and an orchid corsage.

The justweds cut the wedding cake at the Wyant home, 733 Hoover Ave., immediately following the ceremony. The home was decorated with white sweet peas and roses.

The young couple left last night on a wedding trip to New Orleans. For her going-away outfit the bride wore a black and white checked suit with red accessories. She wore an orchid corsage. The young Wyants will be at home to their friends after June 1 at 503 Fuller St.

Carol and Lyle both attended Sequoia High School and the bride is employed at the First National Bank. Lyle served in the navy during the war and at the present time he is employed in the San Mateo County probation office.

Wins Fight

Apparently on the basis of an eight-count knockdown in the second round, Tony Rodriguez, 135, San Francisco, won a close, 10-round decision over Richie Mendoza, 134, Santa Monica, in the San Francisco Coliseum Bowl, Monday.

Referee Frankie Carter figured the bout a draw, but Judges Toby Irwin and Johnny Lacey voted, a decision for Rodriguez.

In the eight-round semi-windup, Mike Bernal, 122, San Francisco, won a six-round technical knock-out over Gilbert Martinez, 123, Stockton, when Martinez suffered a cut eye.

Johnny Maestas, 135, Stockton, took John Howard, 133, San Francisco, in the third round of a preliminary.

Naval Reserve Week

Mayor W. W. Hilton has been appointed honorary chairman of the local committee by Rear Adm. Donald B. Beary, USN, commandant of the 12th Naval District during "Operations Naval Reserve," which will be observed during the week of May 18 to 25, throughout the nation.

Naval Reserve Week will be proclaimed officially by President Truman. This program has as its objective the maintaining of a force as an instrument for world peace and better citizenship.

Mayor Hilton will organize a local committee to acquaint Redwood's male population to the advantages of the new naval reserve. Membership is open to both veterans and non-veterans, who will have access to training in a wide variety of trades and technical skills. They will draw pay for drills attended or for going out on periodic reserve cruises aboard regular navy ships. Reservists give up none of their civilian rights upon enlistment.

In a proclamation today Mayor Hilton pointed out that he had confidence that Redwood City would lend full interest and support necessary for the success of the naval reserve program.

Delegates Named

Directors of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce Monday voted to send a representative to a city tax conference Thursday night, E. W. Butler, executive vice president, announced that a city council committee would meet with a merchant committee in the city hall to "talk out" problems involving personal property taxes and assessments.

Representing the city are Councilmen Carl (Ike) Britschgi, Arthur Swift, W. M. Wender and Mayor W. W. Hilton. The merchant committee is composed of James Hedge, Joseph Territo, H. M. Robinson and Keith Cole, president of Redwood City Retailers.

Dir. Thom Rhorabough was requested to represent the chamber board.

The directors voted to investigate the possibility of entering a float in the July 4th parade, granted use of the chamber office facilities to the junior chamber of commerce and approved a financial report showing collections of \$9152 against a budget of \$11,000.

Forum Letter

To the Editor:

I should like to be quoted accurately on statements I made to the PTA at John Gill School on May 8th concerning the Almack survey. By stating the words from my utterances it is possible to leave a meaning not originally intended; that is probably why many people hesitate to speak for publication.

The justification and spacing of the lines in the article concerning my talk to the PTA that column space was not a factor in the deletion of this sentence from my remarks: "Except for the recommendation that a five-man board be instituted, the trustees and superintendent already had under consideration all other recommendations made by Dr. Almack." This line should have been followed by the statement, "I believe that the board of trustees should not feel obligated to follow the recommendations made by any one man without great thought."

These words were read back to me by Mr. Almack. However, in the write-up the first sentence quoted above was left out entirely, and the words "I believe" and "great thought" were omitted from the second sentence, which omissions greatly colored the meaning intended. Either Mr. Gugel or the editorial blue pencil was used to shade my meaning.

Now, if you will print the correct paragraph, the result will be: "Except for the recommendation that a five-man board be instituted, the trustees and superintendent already had under consideration all other recommendations made by Dr. Almack. I believe that the board of trustees should not feel obligated to follow the recommendations made by any one man without great thought. Quite a different meaning, what? You see, it appears to me that there may be some connection between this five-man board recommendation and the machinations of the pressure group which agitated for the survey."

Also, I made clear to Mr. Gugel that the reading test results I quoted were for John Gill School only. However, it is true that the reading test averages for the whole district in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades were all above the norm. This can be verified by request. I do not mean at this time to criticize the course of study, but simply wish to point out how tests standardized upon other courses of study can hardly be expected to return a true norm for any subject in which our course of study requirements differ from those upon which the tests were constructed and standardized.

For example, since the teaching of formal arithmetic is delayed until the third grade in the San Mateo County Course of Study, with consequent deferment of number operations in the upper grades, I know of no standardized test which will return a true norm for our classes in arithmetic. Our children have learned the number facts demanded by our course of study, as is proven by tests constructed and given by our curriculum director, Mr. Whitaker, whose work was entirely overlooked by Dr. Almack in his survey.

In no place did Dr. Almack point out this discrepancy between course of study requirements and the demands of the tests. If standardized test results are to be the basis for such accusations, it seems to me that course of study requirements throughout the state and nation should first be made more nearly uniform.

Lastly, in any organization of over a hundred employees, many of whom have gained permanency under the Teacher Tenure Law, one would expect to find some who are inefficient and poorly qualified, and we readily admit that there is some poor teaching in our schools, but the survey appears to overlook the fact that there is also exceptional teaching being done. The great majority of teachers are doing an excellent job of fulfilling our course of study requirements and in training boys and girls in the ways of good citizenship; had Dr. Almack probed deeply enough he would have discovered this fact.

—HOMER SPELLENBERG.
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To the Editor:

Mr. Spellenberg's criticism of the reporting of his speech leaves me somewhat confused as to just whom he is criticizing, the reporter or Dr. Almack.

Mr. Spellenberg found the following faults with the newspaper story:

1. He was not quoted in full context.

Neither is the President of the United States.

2. I left out such phrases as "I believe" and "feel obligated to."

When a man makes a statement, I assume that he is speaking for himself.

3. The sentence starting "Except for the recommendation" and ending "All other recommendations made by Dr. Almack" was a factual statement of what the board of trustees had done. What followed was what Mr. Spellenberg thought himself. What the board was doing had already been reported by the Tribune. Mr. Spellenberg's ideas had not.

I did not at any time see Mr. Spellenberg use a written text for reference while he spoke. Neither did I see him take notes on what he was saying.

I did.

—BARNES GUGEL

(Note: Mr. Spellenberg is entitled to this opportunity to correct his position on the Almack report. He is entitled to an answer on his criticism of the work of a Tribune reporter. The Tribune summarized Mr. Spellenberg's position thus: "Spellenberg explained to the parent-teacher group that he felt Dr. John C. Almack's survey was inadequate and that in his opinion the board of trustees should not

Garden

By ROLLY LANGLEY
Here's a letter from S. Takahashi, who has something he's proud of. We're glad to hear from him about it, but whenever a greenthumb or professional gardener has something thought to be worthwhile, an executive of a seed company should be called in. If it's something commercial, the seed company's in a position to do something with it. Much fun as it would probably prove, I can't go in for promoting new varieties. Here's the letter:

"I am since last over 16 years live in this locality and I never see you yet. However, I meet you every day in the paper and most of the time I'm very much interested about so many commentators to drop note to you anything grew in this area. Sometime end of last month, with the tomatoes, 236 Bond Lane, for pole the tomatoes I miss."

"Here is Mr. Langley another new kind the tomatoes. This tomatoes 60 days shall be prolific fruits. The fruit is plum shaped of clear deep red color. Vine 10-12 inches height. It's without the degree of heat I meant. Not in the greenhouse, so you can do pot culture for novelty or earliest the tomatoes in front of house. There are many of vines blooming now. No I am glad to introduce all this community if your interesting come to see at Mr. H. J. White, 1015 Park Lane, Atherton. I can show her gardens service its display over there. Very respectfully, S. Takahashi."

Apparently this is one of the small ones which Takahashi has sent me. Those who can make it should find this an interesting interview.

Ellis M. Cook of Hayward writes: "Our problem is DDT. When our cabbage plants were with aphids, we sprayed them heavily with DDT and naturally some of the spray reached the outside leaves. We thought when the cabbages reached the solid head stage they would be safe to use. However, we have a lot of plants which did not head but the outside leaves are large and just right for consumption—but we do not know if it is safe to use them."

After our experiment we read in your column where you did not advise DDT for certain vegetables. The brand we used was a 3 per cent DDT with 95 per cent oil. I might mention that this solution did the trick and we have never had a bug on the plants since.

DDT is not safe in water, and for that reason I don't like to see it put on any edible parts of plants. Commercial growers, under careful government supervision, and with modern equipment have certain washes which take off harmful residues—but at least for the present, greenthumbs had better not experiment. As for aphids, they're easily controlled by nicotine sulphate, which can be put on and easily washed off.

Mrs. J. D. Frank of Oakland writes: "The explanation in the dictionary on photosynthesis isn't very clear. I'm sure it's important and would like a simple review."

She's correct in thinking it's highly important. And it's also very complex. However, here's a try. Carbon dioxide from the air enters the plant through tiny pores, called stomata. The compound of carbon and oxygen is taken into the plant, and as a part of the process, the carbon is retained while the oxygen is returned to the air through plant pores.

The photosynthesis process can occur only in those parts of the plant where there's chlorophyll, a green compound. When light hits the cells containing chlorophyll, the raw materials are changed into plant food for cell building. This plant food contains (1) Carbon from the air, (2) Hydrogen from the water brought up from the soil, and (3) Oxygen, also from the water. The stronger the light, the faster food is manufactured.

As I read back over that last paragraph, I can see where it's not clear yet. Let's leave it this way. The water, the chemicals from the soil, the carbon from the air, and gases all constitute raw material. Plants, through the use of the green coloring matter chlorophyll are the only things known which can combine these raw materials into cell food or cell material. It's done through the energy of the sun and the process is called photosynthesis.

A two-week experimentation with the Newburyport, Mass., 10 per cent price reduction plan was termed a success today by Joseph Sullivan, Frozen City manager at 925 Main St.

Sullivan said his firm was very much interested in continuing the plan for an entire month. He claimed that the increased volume of business had already paid the firm for the 10 per cent it knocked off prices.

If the present trend continues, Sullivan said, his firm should make money through its lower price plan. The volume was mainly up in the number of home freezers sold. Some of these have been sold through bank financing plans, indicating to Sullivan that although customers may not have cash on hand they are still willing to buy if the price is low enough.

Sullivan said his experiment will prove to manufacturers that lower prices will increase business.

Drunk Charge

Alfred G. Sullivan, 30, a salesman who lives at 1532 School St., San Carlos, was arrested by California Highway Patrol officers Saturday and charged with drunken driving.

Sullivan was released from county jail on \$100 cash bail and scheduled to appear next Thursday in the justice court of Judge John J. Fahey Jr. in South San Francisco. He was arrested at 1:40 a.m. on Bayshore Hwy. near South San Francisco.

feel obligated to follow the recommendations for the Stanford professor. We submit the paragraph, which was not a full or direct Spellenberg quotation, for comparison with Mr. Spellenberg's written recollection of his own remarks. The reader is entitled to any shadowy differences, and to the references to machinations and pressure groups. If Mr. Gugel deleted references to course of study requirements, the Tribune is as well satisfied. It is properly part of the plan and not part of the alibi.—ED)

Installs Officers

Garfield School Parent Teacher Assn. met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Compin presiding. Mrs. F. E. McQuilkin presented the newly formed Garfield orchestra in an illustration of the fundamentals of organizing an orchestra. Mrs. Cecil Silverberger gave a report of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers Convention recently held in Long Beach which she attended as a delegate from Garfield.

Mrs. L. G. Evans, past president of the 17th Dist. COPT, installed the officers for the ensuing year. Her theme was "Gardens," and she impressed each officer that her duties were similar to the cultivation of a particular plant in a garden. She concluded her talk by presenting each new officer with the PTA pin on behalf of Garfield School.

Officers installed were Mrs. Silverberger, president; Mrs. John Rode, vice president; Mr. Max Thornton, second vice president; Mrs. Vera Graville, recording secretary; Mrs. William Kerkus, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Peter Snider, treasurer; Mrs. Eldon Loomis, parliamentarian; Mrs. C. J. Marmont, auditor; Mrs. Dorothy McConaughy, historian.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leo Orlandi and her hostess committee on a table with a centerpiece of pastel sweets.

Members were reminded of the next drive to be held May 19 at the school. The next meeting on June 4 is to be a pot luck picnic held at Flood Park. Families will be invited to attend this event.

Hears Rex Turner

"Objectives of Kiwanis" was the topic heard by the San Carlos Kiwanis Club at Monday's meeting at the Gables in Belmont. The speaker was Rex Turner, assistant superintendent of the Oakland schools.

Turner is immediate past lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Bay Area District, having been succeeded by Fern Miles of Redwood City. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Dean J. Darius of San Carlos.

Fred Benjamin Pfeiffer reported that a board of directors' meeting would be held at noon Friday at the Gables and all committee chairmen were requested to be present. Guests at the meeting yesterday included Thom Rhorabough of Redwood City, who is succeeding Walter Kellogg as president.

Regular luncheon meeting of the San Carlos club will be held next Monday and the Charter Night will be the same evening at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Ray Kidder is in charge of dinner tickets.

Over-Age?

Dr. Charles C. Gans, director of the county health and welfare department, may be less than a year from retirement, if army records are correct.

Dr. Gans twice has stated his date of birth to the civil service commission as Feb. 2, 1880. That would make the doctor 67 years old. The official Army Register, published on Jan. 1, 1945, lists Dr. Gans' birth date as Feb. 2, 1878. That would make the doctor 69 years old.

Stringent county rules require that any county employee in an appointive civil service job, such as filled by Dr. Gans, retire at the age of 70. He may not be paid even for one day more.

Rumor circulated about the courthouse recently that various officials opposed to Dr. Gans planned to check the doctor's age, with a view to forcing his retirement if incorrectly stated.

The two occasions on which Dr. Gans gave his date of birth as Feb. 2, 1880, were when the civil service commission was established in 1943, and when the doctor appealed his dismissal at the hands of County Executive Frederick Peterson in 1944.

Neither Dr. Gans nor Peterson was available for comment.

Asks Probate

A petition for the probate of the will of Dominico Bortolotti, Moss Beach restaurant owner who died Apr. 27 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident, was filed Monday in superior court.

The petition, filed by the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Co. as executor, listed the value of the estate as unknown.

Under the terms of a will signed May 10, 1945, the heirs are the widow, Dominica; two daughters, Laura and Angelina; and a son, Barney. All live in Moss Beach.

Mr. Bortolotti, 61, was the driver of a car which collided with an automobile driven by Ronald C. Tucker, 27, of 944 15th Ave., North Fair Oaks. The accident occurred on Coast Hwy. north of Half Moon Bay, and Tucker has been charged with manslaughter as a result of Mr. Bortolotti's death.

Addresses Reserve

Judge W. H. Thorpe of Redwood City was guest speaker at a meeting of the San Carlos Police Reserve held last week.

Thorpe spoke to the group on enforcement of the penal code, appearance in court by peace officers and interpretation of the motor vehicle code.

The police reserve, which meets monthly is under the direction of Officer Edwin Maillard.

Annual Church Meet

Over 75 members of the North Fair Oaks Community Church attended the annual church dinner last Wednesday in the church edifice. The dinner was a pot-luck affair. Mrs. Ralph Benson, wife of the pastor, announced.

Elected at the business meeting which was presided over by Pastor Benson, were Franklin Seaverns as financial secretary; Arthur Nelson, treasurer; Louana Falk, church historian; Nels Nordstrom and Bob Stenson, head ushers; and Mrs. Paul Nelson, Mrs. Arthur Nelson, and Mrs. Ralph Benson, Christian Education Committee. From the committee Mrs. Benson was chosen Sunday School superintendent.

Elected to the five member council was Wendell Johnston. He will serve for a three-year term. Reverend Benson was also accorded a unanimous vote of confidence to remain for the next year.

Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Retta Trautman, who is the director of the church choir. "It was a most enjoyable meeting, and much useful reflection on past activities and profitable planning for the coming year was accomplished," Mrs. Ralph Benson stated.

To See U.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Scrogings of San Mateo left last week by auto for the Eastern seaboard to visit Mrs. Scrogings' relatives who are gathering from far and near for a reunion at Mrs. Scrogings' family home in Brown's Mills in the Pines, N. J.

Coming from Mexico City are her cousins, the Anthony La Gattutas and their son, Capt. Anthony La Gattuta, who will come from the American Embassy in London. Col. John R. Dey and his family will come from Balboa, Canal Zone. Colonel Dey is a nephew.

The Scrogings' plan to spend a few weeks with another nephew, Major David C. Smith of Somerton, Pa. En route they will visit Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon, New Orleans, Florida and Washington, D. C., and will return by way of Quebec, Montreal, and Southern Canada about Sept. 1.

Drunk Charge

James B. Bragg, 27, 828 Main St., a bus driver, was arrested Saturday by Redwood City police on a charge of drunken driving.

He was apprehended in the 2300 block of Middlefield Rd. at 5:45 p.m. and later taken to the San Mateo County Jail. He was released on \$150 bail.

Sequoia Play

The Sequoia Players, under the direction of Mrs. Deborah Douglas Kiviahio, are busily at work preparing for the spring production of "Smilin' Through," a three-act romantic comedy by Allan Langdon Martin.

Mrs. Kiviahio came to Sequoia High School last year from Spokane, Wash., where she taught dramatics and directed in the Spokane Little Theatre for 15 years. She had her training at Northwestern University, Theodora Irvine Studio of the Theatre in New York, the Henderson Repertory Co. of Michigan, and the Pasadena Playhouse. Feeling keenly that there should be a community theatre in Redwood City, Mrs. Kiviahio is eager to contact anyone interested in establishing an active players group here.

Since coming to Sequoia she has directed student productions of "Stage Door," "Death Takes a Holiday," and "Growing Pains." The forthcoming showing of "Smilin' Through" will be given in the Sequoia High School auditorium on two successive nights, May 23 and 24. The Saturday evening performance is being sponsored by the Redwood City Woman's Club.

Rolladium Sued

The Rolladium, San Mateo roller skating rink, was sued Monday for \$15,324 by a man who claims he was knocked down and broke his leg while skating there on Mar. 16. The suit was filed in superior court by John A. Miner, who charged that the owners of the rink, Theodore and Margaret Stollery, "operated the rink in a careless and negligent manner."

According to Miner, the Stollerys failed to "maintain proper order and decorum" in the rink by permitting "certain persons to skate in a rough, hazardous, negligent and wrongful manner."

He claims that he suffered permanent injuries, including damaged muscles and torn tendons.

Half Two Blazes

Two small grass fires on the Southern Pacific right of way in North Belmont were put out Sunday by the Belmont fire department. The first fire occurred at 7:45 a. m. and the second at 9:15 a. m.

Fire Chief Elbert Miller said that the fires were caused by flares thrown from passing trains but resulted in no damage.

Last week the San Carlos fire department reported two grass fires in the Southern Pacific right-of-way.



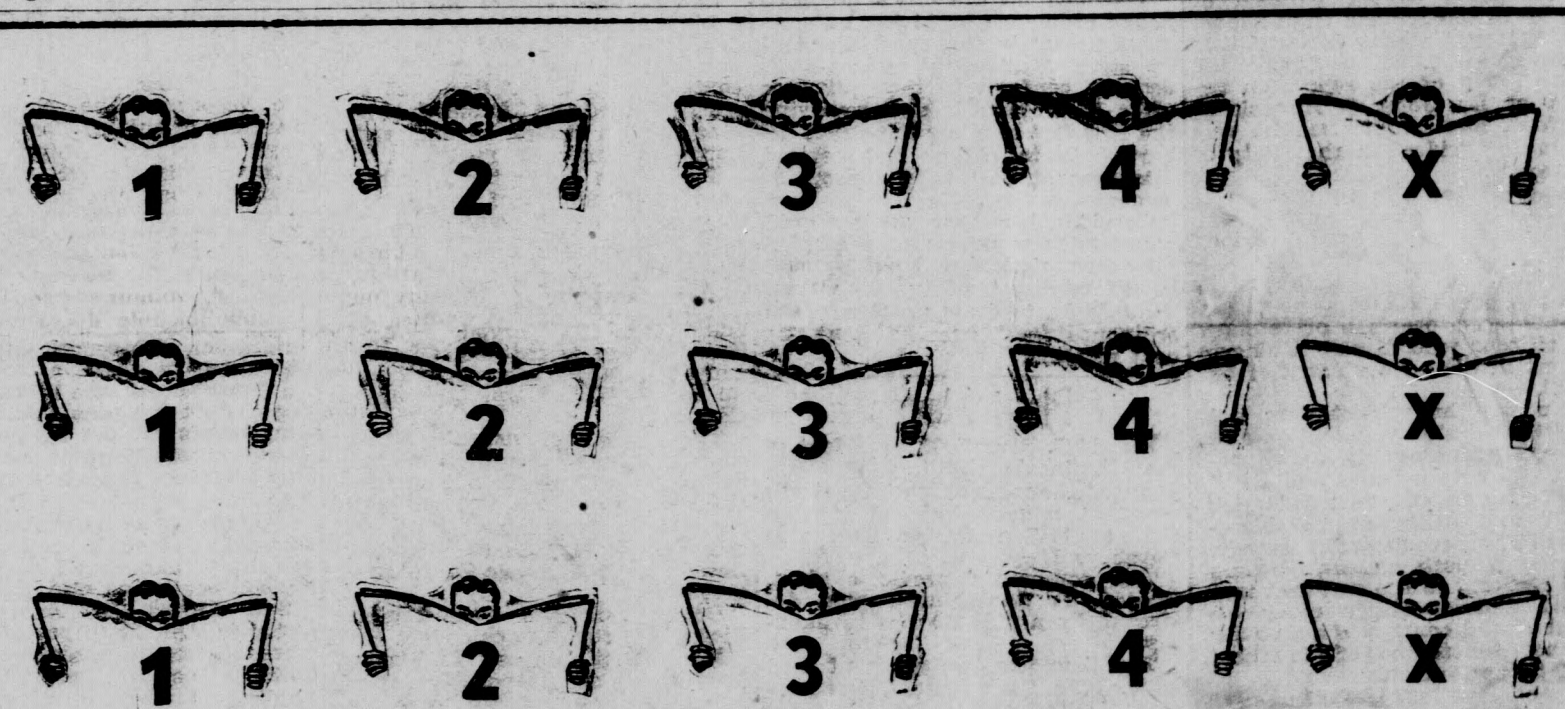
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Mothers Honored

The annual Mother's Day party given by the Junior Guild of Redemer Lutheran Church was held in the Parish Hall Friday evening. Members of the Ladies Aid were also guests.

Each guest was presented with a tiny paper hat as she entered the hall. These hats had little numbers attached to them. Adin Kimberley was in charge of the microphones and records were played throughout the evening.

Fred Miller was the master of ceremonies in the program patterned after Tom Bruns's radio program. Alden Tank took the part of "Corny."

Mildred Kelly was awarded the "orchid" for her original hat creation. The crest judge was helmet trimmed with flowers and the corsage box contained her "orchid" which was actually a cauliflower surrounded by radishes. Frieda Gull won honorable mention with her hat created of bell peppers, onions and radishes.

Mrs. Clarice Hilton was the oldest mother present and Harriet Wilkey was the youngest. Louise Tank, who was celebrated for the most children, also was given an award for giving the most service during the year. She was given a sweet pea corsage with ribbon streamers and tied to the end of each of these streamers was a dime.

Five girls entered into a song contest for which Gertrude Paul played. Each girl sang the three songs that were played as she was introduced and named one of these songs which she was to sing. Ruth Overton was the winner of this contest. Also in the contest were Eunice Seymour, Ruth Coulter, Olga Yager and Frieda Fritzler.

Mrs. Paul Lowe was awarded the wishing ring. A drawing was held for the winner who held the lucky number received at the door when she entered. A new home was the prize—the prize money was awarded to Vera Troyden.

Other contests and games were held and winners in these were Mrs. Etta Schroeder, Harriet Wilkey, Lois Milheim and Mrs. Harry Layton.

Maypoles, May baskets, story-book dolls decorated the refreshment tables upon which were placed also the cakes which were hand-decorated by Mrs. Ed Brauer, Mrs. Ruth Schamel was chairman of the hostess committee, assisted by Jo Miller, Agnes Simpson and Helen Brauer.

Woodhams Answers

Clifton H. Woodhams, candidate for reelection to the board of trustees of the Sequoia High School Dist. Friday, Tuesday declared it is his purpose to use his best judgment in the study of the report on Sequoia of Dr. John C. Almack, and emphasized he was not taking "sides" in the study of the report.

"As a trustee it is my purpose to use my best judgment as the study of the report continues and various questions are presented," Woodhams said, "and I believe that much good can be gained from the survey and from the opinions of the school and citizens who display a sincere interest in the advancement of our school."

"To me the subject does not present 'sides' for contention and misunderstanding; it does present many statements and meritorious recommendations for study and deliberate consideration by all concerned, namely, trustees, superintendent, teachers and citizens, to the end that mutual understandings may be reached and courses of action for the best functioning of the school may be determined."

"My observation," Woodhams continued, "is that no member of the board has any thought of pushing Dr. Almack's report aside or belittling it; you will recall of course that the board invited and ordered the survey after last year's bond subject disclosed serious conditions in the minds of many citizens and school people as to school site needs; school building needs, present and future planning; district educational needs; district industrial requirements as related to the school; methods of financing and other questions."

"The advice of Dr. Almack, as an expert, was sought; he and his staff spent many weeks in preparing the work and it is my thought that the board is entitled to plenty of time to deliberate on the recommendations and to make in an orderly way toward bringing about any changes considered desirable. Flash judgment and drastic actions seem to me to be entirely out of order and likely to lead to disruption and regrets."

"Some portions of the report present data which should be factual and stand as such without being the subject of opinion or variance in understanding these sections has developed; we must find a basis for analysis which will recognize as correct, and then reach our conclusion as to course of action."

A quiet ceremony on Saturday united in marriage Miss Clothilde Grunsky of Berkeley and E. Grant Taylor of Whipple Rd. Miss Grunsky is the sister of the former Mrs. Kate Grunsky Taylor who passed away suddenly in January of this year.

Miss Grunsky has been engaged in editorial work on a trade magazine and has been active in club work in San Francisco and Berkeley.

\$88,171 Estate

The estate of Olga J. Aicher, Burlingame woman who died Jan. 9, totals \$88,171, according to an inventory filed in superior court Wednesday by Inheritance Tax Appraiser James A. Lee.

The estate consists of \$76,000 in San Francisco banks and \$10,000 valuation on her Burlingame home.

Plan Annexation

Menlo Park City Council took action Tuesday to bring inside the city limits an area totaling almost 400 acres.

The council received petitions for annexation of two parcels of property with a combined area of 212 acres. At the same time an ordinance for annexation of the 168-acre Hopkins and Stanford University property was set up by the council during the four-hour meeting in the city hall.

Mayor Charles Burgess said Tuesday that the land area of the city has increased 50 per cent since January, 1945. This would include the Hopkins property annexation, he said.

Burgess estimated that the new annexations would bring the increase to 75 per cent.

An annexation petition for the Hopkins and Stanford University property was presented by West Coast Housing, Inc. The petition was signed by Irving Randall Jr., victim of a fatal auto accident last week at Moss Esplanade in the city hall.

The 100-acre area lies between the present city limits on San Mateo Dr. and Lemon Ave. and between Middle Rd. and San Antonio Ave.

The second large parcel of land includes the Russell property. Petition for annexation was signed by Charles and Edna Russell. The area lies between Arbor Rd. and the city limits line east of Hermosa Way, and between Santa Cruz Ave. and Middle Rd.

Also included in this proposed annexation is a large area between San Antonio and Santa Cruz Aves. The eastern city limits line and Maple Ave.

Hearing date for protests against the annexations was set for June 10 at 8 p.m.

The council last Tuesday also heard protests against the University Dr.-Menlo Ave. street improvement project. Protests registered represented less than 10 per cent of property owners in the area, although more than 40 persons attended last night's hearing.

Property owners objecting to the project said that costs were too high at present and suggested that the city wait until prices fall.

City Engineer Edwin H. Smith reported that a \$250 assessment a few years ago would now be approximately \$350.

The council announced that at its next meeting, May 27, it will set a formal protest date for the project. Council members last night also authorized hiring of a relief man for the police department to serve three months through the vacation period, beginning June 15.

Trimmed up the city's proposed hedge ordinance by giving enforcement power to the superintendent of streets, allowing residents 30 days to conform to the ordinance. If passed, and removing the \$300 fine to allow the street department to take enforcement measures at cost to the property owner.

Considered a new zoning ordinance with members of the planning commission and real estate board and directed City Atty. James O'Keefe Jr. to draw up the ordinance for presentation at the next meeting.

Plant Moves

Harold J. Brumfield, president of the Peninsula Milling Co. announced the reopening of the firm's plant at a new location in San Carlos at San Carlos Ave. and Bayshore Hwy.

The firm's previous plant, located at San Mateo, was destroyed by a \$200,000 fire in January.

The firm has two acres of land at the San Carlos site. The equipment is heavy duty for industrial and home building mill work. A remilling plant for production of moldings and surfaced lumber designed for lumber carrier feeding and volume production. In all respects the facilities of the new plant will be equal to those of the former plant in San Mateo, Brumfield said.

The commercial department will have production line facilities. The plant is a firm to accept larger jobs and give faster delivery, Brumfield declared.

There will be approximately 35 persons on staff. The personnel will include the same organization employed in the former plant.

3 Sailors Jailed

Three San Francisco sailors were in county jail Tuesday under investigation for car theft after their arrest at 2 a.m. Tuesday by Dep. Sheriff Ben Silverstein.

The sailors were picked up on Bayshore Hwy. near Fifth Ave., Friends Acre, in a car registered to Alfred R. Chandler of San Bernardino.

The three are Victor Wajdowicz, 21; Kirtland Hamilton, 19, and Fred Marshall, 18. Wajdowicz and Marshall are stationed on Yerba Buena Island while Hamilton is a member of the U.S. Navy's crew, now at Hunter's Point.

Marshall claimed that he borrowed the car from a friend, Earl Purnott, whom he met in the brig. He claimed that Purnott had had the car for eight months.

The sailors said that Marshall and Wajdowicz drove the car to San Jose last night where they met Hamilton and then started back to their bases. Hamilton was driving the car when the trio was arrested.

Honored by Tea

Hostess at an open house Friday was Mrs. Kenneth Schreiner who entertained in celebration of Frances Coffin's birthday. A tea was held at Mrs. Schreiner's home at 5 Acacia Ln.

The decorations were pastel flowers which included sweetpeas, baby roses, and lilies. The setting was springlike as the guests looked out toward the patio and garden.

Thos present included Mmes. Leo Butt, William Leohart, A. E. Crocker, John Lawrence, Eli Crocker, Ladd, Martin Person, J. A. Hawthorne, Otto Semenza, Charles Heide, T. Horton, L. Lindberg, L. Boyle, E. Righton, W. Ver, C. M. Bridges, Ella Wood, Wilhelmina Terfry, Ila Shower and the Rev. Walter B. Smith of this city and Mrs. Mark Ingraham and J. O. Ernberger of Palo Alto.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Mrs. Florence Wayne Casebolt of Berkeley has gained nationwide publicity on her original "Button Gardens"—which are miniatures. Indeed, actually, on a button she manages to make living plants grow, which is a trick in itself. But Mrs. Casebolt isn't satisfied with just that. She makes real productions of them, with minute figurines, and artistic arrangements.

In this she is a real master, and so her "Button Gardens" turn out, amazingly, as complete little scenes.

Many have wanted to build miniature gardens and been stumped on small plant material. Some of the plants Mrs. Casebolt uses so successfully are: Peanut cactus (chamaecereus silvestris), Baby Joshua tree (sedum multiceps), Rattail cactus (Aporocactus flagelliformis), Air plants (Tillandsia), Boston bean (sedum stahlii), Christmas Cheer (sedum guatemalense), Cobweb houseleek (sempervivum arachnoideum), Silene heads (crassula deltoidea), Hen and Chicks (hebe), and Elephant Bush (portulaca afra).

Perhaps you've seen the Button Gardens at the California Spring Garden Show. In any event, if you use a fine food, "I merely cook them a few minutes in boiling salted water, and drain and add butter just before serving," she writes.

If the outer shell of the bean is leached, it turns gray during cooking and has a bitter taste. The inner bean, however, has somewhat the appearance of a large lima bean, but has the smoothness and freshness of a pea. They are also good raw, and when the children get started on them, I almost don't have enough for cooking!"

Mrs. Nielsen calls them English Horse Beans. Most people call them Italian Horse Beans. These have been cultivated for many centuries. They're called "Horse Beans" hasn't been revealed to me, but I know they're more of a vetch than a bean. The botanical name is Vicia faba, and this plant is widely used by orchardists as winter cover crop because the foliage makes good green manure, and the roots help build nitrogen content in the soil. . . . Most orchardists plow them all under, incidentally—sowing a bean for the table—cooked raw.

San Lorenzo Village has planned a big community flower and garden fiesta May 24 and 25th. Every day the village is entered in the contest, with a \$50 first, \$25 second, \$15 third and \$10 fourth prizes, plus 60 rose bushes, ribbons and a bunch of honorable mentions.

Prizes go to the best home garden, "Condition of lawns, plantings, and general planning of layouts (both backyard and frontyard)" will be taken into consideration by judges.

What particularly appeals in this contest is that everyone living in San Lorenzo is entered, automatically. Judges are going to judge a "Clean Up" Company is coming!

Thousands will visit the Village where so many green thumbs have settled. I know, because so many of them write in: "There's a community dance that Saturday, May 24, and the selling talk: 'Dance among the flowers to the music of a sweet orchestra.'"

They put the San Lorenzo Fiesta on your date calendar. Mrs. Janet Gregory of Canyon bought a small potted daphne which has been causing her worry. Her growth comes out black-tipped, and she doesn't know whether to keep it in sun or shade. Daphne cneorum likes full sun. Daphne genkwa likes shade.

The plant seems diseased, the nursery will undoubtedly make proper arrangements.

\$151,000 Asked

A suit for \$151,000 damages was filed in superior court late Monday by the family of a young Brisbane man killed Apr. 13 by a hit-and-run driver.

The suit was filed by Mrs. Helen McLeod, who was seriously injured in the accident, in behalf of her 1-year-old son, John.

The defendant is Harold B. Sagerdahl, Burlingame resident and San Francisco businessman, who has been charged with manslaughter in the death of Clarence McLeod, 19.

The McLeods were returning to their home at 12:30 a.m. Apr. 13 after seeing a moving picture in Brisbane, and while walking along Bayshore Blvd. were struck down by a car which made a sharp U-turn and sped away toward San Francisco.

California Highway Patrol officers, after inspecting the scene, informed the city that its \$29,000 share in the state's state appropriation must be turned over to the sanitary district for sewage work.

Menlo Park had previously requested that its share of the allocation be used on the improvement project to reduce assessments on property owners.

The request was made under the terms of the law governing the state grant which allows use of the money for street improvements if the city's sewage system is in first class condition.

The city based its request on the basis that Menlo Park does not operate its own sewers and therefore cannot use its money for sewage system improvement work.

Reject Menlo Bid

Menlo Park's request that its share of the \$90,000 "Christmas Tree Fund" for local sewer projects be used on the Santa Cruz Ave. sewer improvement project has been refused by the state.

Mayor Charles Burgess said that a letter had been received from the State Allocation Board informing the city that its \$29,000 share in the state's state appropriation must be turned over to the sanitary district for sewage work.

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July 4 Celebration

Complete details of the July 4th celebration in San Carlos were outlined on Monday evening, when representatives of participating organizations met with general chairman Harvey Carlson at the city hall. The holiday events, which promise to eclipse previous Independence Day celebrations, will begin on Friday, May 16, when voting for the queen contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will begin.

Ed Drotleff, chairman of the queen contest, outlined voting rules and named the contestants, in their official order of entry, which are: (1) Joyce Miller, 75 Club; (2) Carole Evans, American Legion; (3) Marilyn Sheehan, BPWC; (4) Beverly Bunsen, Junior Matrons; (5) Paulette Riney, VFW; (6) Pat Burke, A. O. U. M. W.; (7) Betty Ann Thompson, Lions; (8) Marilyn Whitehead, Carlians; (9) Gloria Clark, Community Theater and (10) Jane Coburn, Racquet Club.

Voting on tickets obtained from merchants will be by number to facilitate counting, said Drotleff. The girls will be introduced by Mayor Patrick Kearns from the stage of the Carlos Theater on Tuesday evening, May 20.

On the evening of July 3 a coronation ball will be held by the chamber at the school auditorium, where the public and ladies in waiting will be announced. A good band with a vocalist will be arranged for and there will also be a soft drink stand at the dance.

July 4th activities will begin in the morning with a parade of floats, drum and bugle corps, German band and special children participants. Booths selling food, soft drinks, games of chance and novelties for the children will be set up at the recreation center. During the afternoon there will be a dance exhibition, baseball games, tennis tournament finals, races, bingo games and pony rides for children. Following a concert by the San Carlos Community Choral and Chorus Club in the amphitheater the day's events will be climaxed by a gala display of fireworks.

Organizations, which were enthusiastic in their plans for special events at the Monday night meeting, will participate as follows: Carlians: Mrs. Robert Allen, president, will take the hot dog and coffee booth with the possible addition of sandwiches and home made cake. Members of the Holy Name Society, under Mr. John Pindro, will assist in erecting the stand. Youthful Newman Club members are planning a float for the parade.

75 Club Soda pop and cold drinks will be sold by 75 Club members under the chairmanship of Ken Harmon. Bob Houston, also of the committee, made the report at the meeting that the parade float will be planned to enter a float with Jean Barthold as float chairman.

Community Church Guild: Mrs. John Parsons announced the cancellation of the veterans organization, announced 100% participation. In addition to its "Turk Game" booth, the VFW is entering a float and has also made arrangements for the Joseph P. McGuire Post Drum and Bugle Corps of San Francisco in the parade.

Parent Teacher Assn.: Mrs. Charles Updegraff, reporting for the PTA, announced plans for a balloon booth and also a float.

San Carlos Community Club: Voted in Apr. 12 to participate in the parade. The club plans last week as they were prevented from holding their May meeting, a member reported last night.

American Legion Auxiliary: Mrs. Howard Jamieson reported that there would be no booth this year but that her group was planning a float.

Junior Matrons: Mrs. Louis Goss announced plans for a "Game of Chance" booth and a float. Mrs. Clyde Higbee is chairman.

Athletic Club: Doug Ogilvie, chairman, is planning a balloon booth and a float. The club members will supervise athletic events and races.

Community Theater Group: Mr. George Greenleaf announced plans for a candy evening concert and also a float in the parade.

"Peasants": A folk dance program will be presented during the afternoon on the lawn, announced John Sears of the folk dance group.

BPWC: Mrs. Ruth Allard, president, announced plans for a photographic booth.

Racquet Club: Sponsoring a tennis tournament to begin May 28 with finals July 4 for trophies. Earl Watson, president, announced that bleachers will be set up for spectators and also they will sponsor a float.

The police and fire departments of San Carlos are joining in conducting the parade and the fire department is planning a float. Chief Lyle Clark also announced plans for a comedy baseball game.

Other clubs participating, who have not announced plans are the Scout Mothers 158, Masonic Club, American Legion, Lions and Kiwanis.

Working with Carlson on the general committee are Ruth Allard, secretary and Bill Barthold, assistant chairman. Warren Hayden, John Pindro, Lois Brown, Vera Cooper, Lou Knights, Jim Maltman and Councilman Ed Burton, parade director.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Fabbro, 520 Angelo City, Redwood City, a son was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on May 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Puntigam, Redwood City, a daughter was born in a San Francisco hospital on Apr. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Stevenson, Redwood City, a son was born in a San Francisco hospital on Apr. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Haggerty, 170 Lowell Ave., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ned Cunningham, 140 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos, a son was born in the Community Hospital on May 7.

Commuter News

By JOE CAROUSE

(Always Last on the Train)
Commuters who opposed the spending of \$18,000 for a reassessment of Redwood City's taxable property are getting quite a chuckle out of the so-called "revolt" of certain city fathers, who went all out for the expensive reappraisal, only to find that their own oxen were about to be goled, along with those of the common people. Now these city fathers and the merchants they represent would like to call the whole deal off and go back to the friendly status quo.

Trouble with the "friendly status quo" is that it failed to produce adequate revenue to run the city, and this was so mainly because the merchants were not carrying their fair and equitable share of the tax burden.

This may sound as though Carouse and his fellow commuters were anti-mercantile. Such is not the case. We know and appreciate the value of the merchant to every community. But he is the ONLY value in a community. And he is never so valuable as he has to be placated by being made virtually tax exempt while others assume his share of the burden.

We just happen to know the facts; and what's going on at the present time isn't pretty. This column, then, written by "Locomotive," who vigorously opposed the \$18,000 reappraisal. Bill and many others felt this expenditure (at a time when we were having difficulty paying our city employees' salaries) was sheer extravagance; that the county's new reappraisals could be used and that the state law providing a system of dance exhibitions and personal property was merely a matter of enforcement.

However, the reassessment contract was let, apparently by the best of its sponsors on the city council that it would fix new high values on real property—lots, homes and buildings—and continue the "friendly status quo" of evasion on merchandise, fixtures and personal property.

But the boys they hired don't work seriously. They take their work easy. They come from the old school that knows "rain falls on the just and the unjust alike," and oddly enough they don't give a darn how long a man has lived. John Pindro, who is in what church or lodge he belongs to, or what office he holds. He has to pay taxes on a just and equitable basis, fixed by law.

We're for that. And we think anybody who isn't for it has a right to get out and campaign to change the law. But any other taxes aimed at evading the law with poor grace, especially from elected officials sworn to uphold and enforce the law. We're glad this matter came up, because an equitable system of taxation is needed as between the merchant and the residential property owner, is long overdue. If this means driving business away from Redwood City, that's just too bad. The merchants could leave and this would still be a thriving residential community. The merchants know that wouldn't be so if the residents need out.

Roughly one-half of all tax monies collected by the city go to maintain the police and fire departments. Who gets the rest? The owner of a \$100,000 home or the owner of a \$100,000 business? The only time we ever see a policeman on Brewster Ave. is when he is on his way home to lunch. But you'll see them at all hours of the day and night patrolling the business district and rattling doors against absent-minded shopkeepers.

We say let the merchants pay their equitable share for this service. If present efforts to scuttle the reappraisal program are successful and an unfair portion of the tax burden is shifted back on the residential property owner, a whole lot of people are going to be awfully sore.

Inasmuch as commuters represent a large and influential segment of the community of Redwood City, we feel that it would have been a gracious gesture on the part of the city council to have reported the results of the tax reappraisal to avert a machinist strike in the Bay Area.

Although possible strike date previously had been set for tomorrow, machinist officials reported today that they were not anticipating a strike at the present time.

IAM officials of nine localities have planned a joint membership meeting for Sunday to report the status of negotiations and plan future action.

The San Francisco Central Labor Council executive committee, which was asked for strike sanction, has let the matter in committee pending the outcome of negotiations.

Affected by the negotiations are 375 Bay Area machine shops and 22,100 machinists, including those in San Mateo County. Among major firms here employing machinists who are affected by negotiations are National Motor Bearing Co. and Pacific Portland Cement Co. in Redwood City and Daimler Victor in San Carlos.

A man and his wife were arrested Tuesday by federal narcotics agents as they alighted from a plane at Mills Field on charges of illegal possession of an ounce of heroin, worth between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The couple, John A. and Jeanette Stanton, has been commuting regularly between San Francisco and Los Angeles on commercial air lines, to bring in narcotics, agents asserted.

Stanton keeps a \$40,000 private plane at a Peninsula airport, the agents said, but there was no evidence he used it in the narcotics traffic.

The pair was lodged in jail in San Francisco on charges of transporting narcotics. Bail is \$2500 each.

San Mateo County sheriff's office was not called in on the case.

Donates Masks

Mrs. Annette Alexander of Belmont has donated two oxygen masks to the Belmont Fire District. Chief Elbert Miller announced today.

The masks, Miller said, can be used in any type of safety work and were donated to be used on the new Seagrave tank wagon which will arrive in Belmont next Monday.

The Prowler

ASSORTED THOUGHTS of a vagrant mind: Two

things should never be loaned—your toothbrush and your lawnmower. I don't need to explain reasons for the former. A borrowed lawnmower when returned is sure to bring seeds from the neighbor's weeds. Usually each householder had enough weeds in his own lawn without importing any from other yards.

Some people spend their own funerals and, therefore, planning details of their own funerals and letting their friends and kin know about those wishes. When they ultimately depart, chances are that wholly different procedures will be followed. Why should anyone be so concerned about the character of his own funeral? He won't be there to witness it anyhow. . . . One of the most misused words is "native." Most people use the word as if it meant always a black-skinned person, particularly of the underdressed savage variety. They overlook the fact that they themselves are natives.

If you are contributing clothing for overseas relief, it should be cleaned, of course. But time and money spent on pressing it are but time and money wasted. The garments are packed compactly for shipping, and will land on the other side requiring pressing there. Care should be taken to pin or tie together garments that belong together, such as coat, vest and pants; skirt and jacket, and mated shoes. When articles are packed and shipped in thousands, the hunting of mates and complementary pieces of clothing is a needle-in-the-haystack sort of quest.

Mark Twain said: "Among the three or four million cradles now rocking in the land are some which this nation would preserve for ages as sacred things, if we could know which ones they are."

THERE HAS BEEN NOT a single traffic accident involving a San Francisco school child at any crossing guarded by a juvenile safety patrol unit in the 24 years that that system of controls has been in operation. . . . Comparatively few travelers read in full the railway tickets before starting on a lengthy trip. Tickets always should be read as a double check against mistakes in the routing and connections the buyer has planned. . . . Women who sign letters by using initials instead of baptismal names, and omit the "Miss" or "Mrs." prefix cause much trouble. They have only themselves to blame if, on occasions, as has happened, when they write for reservations at hotels or on steamships they find themselves assigned to share accommodations with a man. . . .

What is there about the word "private" that girls in secretarial jobs prize so highly? Ask such a girl if she is secretary to Mr. Bigshot, and she will wither you with the correction, "I am his PRIVATE secretary." Do business men ever employ public secretaries? . . . Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote: "This body in which we journey across the isthmus between two oceans is not a private carriage, but an omnibus."

THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT has issued a 3-cent stamp, with the picture of Joseph Pulitzer and the slogan, "Our republic and its press will rise or fall together." One California newspaper publisher, in his jubilation over that recognition given to his business, has purchased the entire local allotment of that issue, and has advised other publishers to do the same. That course, however, will defeat that publisher's own purpose. Each stamp is seen by two people—the sender and the recipient. By buying the entire issue, that publisher is eliminating all other possible senders. Also it should be remembered that a goodly percentage of the outgoing mail from any newspaper office is addressed to other newspapers, correspondents, press associations, wire news services, photo engravers, dealers in printing supplies and the like—all of whom are already in accord with the aims and ideas of the publishing business. If the publishers leave those stamps to be bought and used by the general run of people, the markers will be seen in fields where the "missionary" work would do most good.

NEITHER CAN IT BE ASSUMED that the mere enactment of an ordinance prescribing standard procedures for dishwashing in public eating and drinking places is a guarantee that all is as it should be. No ordinance, whatever its provisions, is any more helpful for its purposes than enforcement makes it.

Better than either ordinances or legal enforcement measures combined, however, is the determination of restaurant management that its premises will be clean and its dishwashing and food handling procedures strictly sanitary. Given that determination on the part of the management, and the eating or drinking public can rest in peace on that score.

In how many such establishments you can find the words "HUMAN NATURE WILL NOT CHANGE," said Abraham Lincoln. "In any future great national trial, compared with the men of this, we shall have as weak and as strong, as silly and as wise, as bad and as good."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "I'm still trying to figure it out."

MANY CONTROVERSIALISTS seem to think that no argument is needed to win a dispute as long as they have such words as "Communist," "Radical," "Fascist," and "Reactionary" to hurl back and forth. . . . The mere fact that a business house placards its walls with such slogans as "House of Courtesy," "House of Service," or "Service With a Smile," is no guarantee in itself that the customer will get either courtesy, service or smiles there. Too often proprietors who post such slogans in view forget to call the attention of their employees to the fact or to explain to them the significance of the signs. . . . "Human nature will not change," said Abraham Lincoln. "In any future great national trial, compared with the men of this, we shall have as weak and as strong, as silly and as wise, as bad and as good."

Names Heir

A petition to probate the will of Mrs. Stella Wakefield Lillick of Atherton was filed in Superior court by her husband, Ira S. Lillick, senior partner of the San Francisco law firm of Lillick, Geary, Olson, Adams & Charles.

Mrs. Lillick died May 4 in Palo Alto, leaving a holograph will dated Oct. 19, 1945.

According to the will, her husband, who lives at 198 Elena Ave., Atherton, is named executor of the estate, which was listed in excess of \$100,000.

Mrs. Lillick made bequests of jewelry, furs and personal property to a dozen friends and relatives and left the bulk of her estate to her husband.

A clause in her will inserted in case her husband had predeceased her showed that the estate will probably total more than \$117,000. Had her husband died before her, relatives, friends, employees and some of her husband's partners would have received bequests totaling that amount. She also in this clause had set up a law scholarship at Stanford University.